

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge the First Action of 22 JAN. 2008 and request reconsideration of the application as amended. The foregoing sheets correct the informalities mentioned in Form PTOL-324 of last week. The PTOL-324 complained that strikethroughs in claims 22-25 were not clearly readable, so double brackets have been used in claims 35-41 to increase readability. The (unentered) submission of 5 MAY 2008 proposed to cancel claims 20-21, in the (mistaken) belief that amended main claim 1 recited temperature sensor 120. Since claims 22-25, depending from claim 1, need the temperature sensor 120 of claim 21 for proper antecedent basis, claims 20-21 are being maintained.

Responsive to Paragraph 3 of the Action, the abstract has been shortened and placed into more idiomatic English.

Responsive to Paragraph 4 of the Action, specification page 9 has been **amended** to provide antecedent basis for the NTC resistor recited in claim 22. MPEP 608.01(1) states: "In establishing a disclosure, applicant may rely **not only** on the description and drawing as filed, **but also** on the original claims if their content justifies it." Note that German claim 22 (the PCT text, page 18 of the WO text) recited "ein NTC-Widerstand" which translates as "a NTC resistor" as certified by translator Dr. Nicholas Hartmann. The use of NTC resistors in this field is **long known**; see, for example, the NTC resistor 136' **shown** in FIG. 5 of the assignee's HAHN-RAPPENECKER USP 6,452,349 and **described** in col. 8 of that patent, prosecuted by the undersigned (Ware Fressola docket 8703-135, Raible & Raible docket

P61.12 US 219). Suitable NTC resistors are commercially available and widely used.

Responsive to Paragraph 13, indicating that dependent apparatus claim 3 and dependent method claim 42 contain **allowable** subject-matter, their features have been incorporated into main claims **1** and **35**, respectively. Since the (A,B,C) "bullets" were deleted from claim 35 as superfluous, similar "bullet characters" preceding extra method steps in the dependent method claims have been deleted. This places the entire claim set in condition for allowance, and no further discussion of the references cited is believed necessary.

This paper is being submitted **less than a week** after the mail date of Form PTOL-324, so no extension of time is believed necessary. If any extension fee **is** necessary, kindly charge to Dep. Acct. 23-0442.

If the Examiner notes any remaining informalities, or wishes to make any suggestions to place the application in condition for allowance, she is invited to telephone counsel Milton Oliver at (W) 203-261-1234 or (CELL) 781-910-9664.

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